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Library teams to develop community-based projects through ILEAD USA program

MADISON — Library staff members throughout the state have been chosen for six teams that will develop community-based projects to serve library patron needs as part of a multi-state ILEAD USA program.

Wisconsin team members come from public, school, and academic libraries as well as regional public library systems. Selection was through an application process.

"This is an exciting initiative," said State Superintendent Tony Evers. "Library staff will be collaborating on community-based projects to improve services as well as honing their leadership and technology skills."

A national program, ILEAD USA will have teams of library staff work together to identify a community need and develop, manage, and evaluate a project to meet that need. The Wisconsin teams will attend three in-person sessions, the first March 23-26 in Green Lake. In addition to the Green Lake sessions, teams will hold virtual meetings and use collaborative, digital-based technologies to work on their projects.

Other sessions will be held June 22-25 and October 26-29 and will be simultaneous in each of the 10 states, with plenary sessions on streaming video. States in addition to Wisconsin are: Delaware, Illinois, Maine, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Utah.

"By fostering collaboration and creativity, the ILEAD USA program strengthens libraries to better serve patrons in the continuously changing digital environment," Evers added.

The 2015 ILEAD USA-Wisconsin project is made possible through a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) with additional funding provided by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

NOTES: More information about ILEAD USA-Wisconsin is available at http://pld.dpi.wi.gov/pld_ileadusawi. A list of ILEAD USA-Wisconsin participants follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015_10.pdf.

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ILEAD USA-Wisconsin Teams

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